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**REMARKS:**

Claims 3, 6-12, 15, 18, 19, and 22 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are pending.

The Examiner indicated that claims 13, 14, 16 and 20 were allowed. Moreover, claims 12 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the applicant has hereby amended independent claim 1 to recite the limitations of claim 12 and has cancelled claim 12. As claim 12 did not depend from any intervening claim, claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom (claims 2, 4, and 5) are now believed to be allowable.

Similarly, the applicant has hereby amended independent claim 21 to recite the limitations of claim 22 and has cancelled claim 22. As claim 22 did not depend from any Intervening claim, claim 21 is now believed to be allowable.

In view of all claims of record either being held allowable by the Examiner, amended to be placed in a condition of allowance in response to the Examiner's objections, or cancelled, the applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be reconsidered and this case be passed to issue.

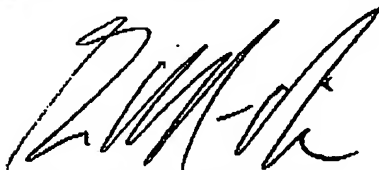
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No fee is believed to be due with this response. Should there be any unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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